

#1 GIANT FOREST ROUTE (green): Free. Through 9 /7. From Giant Forest Museum to Wuksachi and back; 3 stops along the way. About 35 minutes' ride one way.

STOPS

- Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point
- Lower Sherman Tree wheelchair- accessible trail
Parking with disabled-placard only
- Upper Sherman Tree - Main Trail & Parking
Park here to walk down to tree.
- Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market
Lodgepole Campground (2 stops)
- Wuksachi Restaurant & Lodge

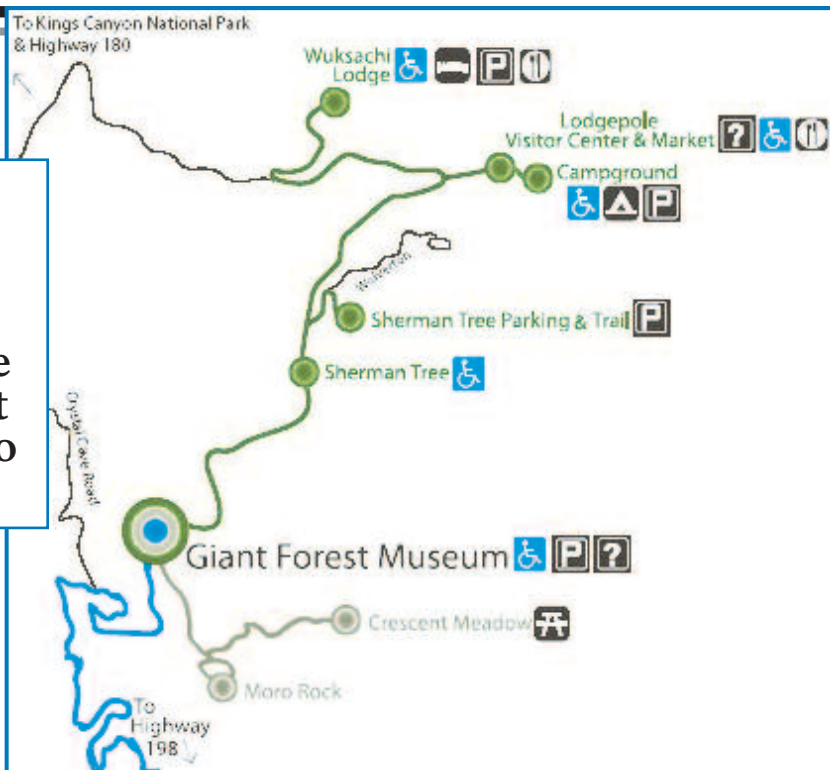
See bulletin boards for shuttle schedules. Be sure to check the departure time of the last bus that will get you back to your car.

#2 MORO ROCK / CRESCENT MEADOW ROUTE (gray): Free. Through 9/7. Leaves Giant Forest Museum approximately every 20 minutes. Stops at Moro Rock only on the outbound trip. 15-minute ride one way.

STOPS

- Giant Forest Museum & All-Shuttle Transfer Point
- Moro Rock
Description below.
- Crescent Meadow
Description below.

GIANT FOREST-TO-VISALIA ROUTE: \$15 round trip. No additional park entrance fee. Reservations required; call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or www.sequoiashuttle.com. Two-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest at 7am, 8am, 9am, & 1pm. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia on the hour from 2:30pm through 6:30pm. Runs through 9/7.



SEE SEQUOIA BY SHUTTLE!



Highlights SEQUOIA PARK

GIANT FOREST

Review safety tips on page 5. Try taking the shuttle!

GIANT FOREST MUSEUM

The best place to learn about sequoias! Shuttle stop.

BIG TREES TRAIL

A paved, level, 2/3-mile (1 km) loop with colorful trailside panels describing sequoia ecology. Start at Giant Forest Museum; parking at the trail is only for cars with placards.) 1 hour round trip.

GENERAL SHERMAN TREE:

Two trails go to the world's largest tree. Through 9/7, the shuttle stops at the beginning of each trail:

- **Main Sherman Tree Trail & Parking** - runs 1/2 mile down to the tree and has some stairs. It is an uphill walk back to your car. Drive two miles (3.2 km) north

of Giant Forest Museum (past the small Sherman Tree parking lot for those with *disabled* placards only) to Wolverton Road. Turn right, then follow signs. If you can walk down but the walk back up is too difficult, through 9/7 you can continue from the tree down the accessible trail to the shuttle stop on the Generals Highway, and ride the *north-bound* shuttle (toward Wuksachi) back to your car.

Wheelchair-accessible trail from Generals Highway to Sherman Tree - parking for those with *disabled* placards only. If you have no placard but can't make the walk down the main trail, ask at any visitor center for a temporary permit or, through 9/7, take the shuttle.

CONGRESS TRAIL: A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) from the Sherman Tree into the grove.

MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW

No drinking water is available along this 3-mile (5 km), dead-end road that begins at Giant Forest Museum. Through 9/7, take a shuttle to see it. Until 9/7, single vehicles more than 22 feet long and those towing anything are prohibited - except those with valid disabled-parking placards displayed. Highlights include:

MORO ROCK: A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (.4 km) staircase to the summit (300 foot /91 m elevation gain) and a spectacular view. Two miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. Shuttle stop.

TUNNEL LOG: A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through, and the only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. There is a by-pass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles (4.3 km) from the Museum.

CRESCENT MEADOW: Summer wildflowers in a fragile meadow. Stay on designated trails; use only fallen logs to walk into meadows. Try the 3/4-mile (1 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia, or the High Sierra Trail (71 miles/114 km to Mt. Whitney, at 14,494 feet /4417 m, the highest peak in the 48 states). Shuttle stop.

NEARBY TRAILS

TOKOPAH FALLS: 1.7 miles (2.7 km) along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River, ending at granite

cliffs and a waterfall. Be careful by the water! Start in Lodgepole Campground (a shuttle stop). For the 500 foot/152 m elevation gain, allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

THE FOOTHILLS

The Sierra's lower elevations offer more biological diversity — different kinds of plants and animals — than the conifer forests or highcountry. Watch for ticks and poison oak (see page 5 for safety tips).

HOSPITAL ROCK PICNIC

AREA: Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here and a very short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a waterfall. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food from bears.

MARBLE FALLS TRAIL climbs 3.9 miles (6 km) through chaparral to a lovely cascade. Park across from Potwisha Campground in the overflow parking area. Take the dirt road near site #14 across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

PARADISE CREEK: At Buckeye Flat Campground, take the path across from site #26 across the footbridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek, not the Middle Fork, for 1-1/2 miles (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

MINERAL KING

See page 8 for information.